



Planning Department
General Plan Work Program
Public Involvement and Input to the Planning Process
Revised 3/25/04

Opportunities for Public Involvement

1. City Council

◆ **Role**

Acts in its official capacity to approve (1) updates to the General Plan, (2) final selections for the Pilot Villages, (3) Community Plan updates and (4) financing strategies.

◆ **When do they meet?**

Mondays at 2:00PM and Tuesdays at 10:00AM

◆ **Location**

City Council Chambers, 12th Floor, City Administration Bldg., 202 C Street

◆ **Type of Public Involvement**

Public testimony heard

2. Land Use and Housing Committee (LU&H)

◆ **Role:**

A subcommittee of the City Council. Areas of responsibility include Affordable Housing, General Plan Amendments, Community Facility Finance and Infrastructure Finance. It provides direction as needed on Planning Department work activities and acts as an additional public forum.

◆ **When do they meet?**

Wednesdays, once or twice per month at 2:00PM. Check the City's website for schedule.

<http://clerkdoc.sannet.gov/citycouncilcomm/citycouncilcommland.html>

◆ **Location**

City Council Chambers, 12th Floor, City Administration Bldg. 202 C Street

◆ **Type of Public Involvement**

Public testimony heard

3. Planning Commission (PC)

◆ **Role:**

Recommends planning policy to the City Council. Acts in official capacity to recommend to the City Council (1) updates to the General Plan, (2) Community Plan updates, and (3) monitoring implementation of the City of Villages Strategy.

◆ **When do they meet?**

Thursdays at 9:00AM

◆ **Location**

City Council Chambers, 12th Floor, City Administration Bldg. 202 C Street

◆ **Type of Public Involvement**

Public testimony heard

4. Community Planners Committee (CPC)

◆ **Role**

Composed of chairs from each Community Planning Group. Recommendations are made to the Planning Commission and City Council based on community perspective for General Plan Elements and Community Plan amendment process.

- ◆ **When do they meet?**
Forth Tuesday of the month
- ◆ **Location**
City Council Closed Chamber, 12th Floor, City Administration Bldg. 202 C Street
- ◆ **Type of Public Involvement**
Public testimony heard

5. Community Planning Groups

- ◆ **Role:**
Individual community-based groups with neighborhood issue oriented perspective. Responsible for providing recommendations to the Planning Commission and City Council on General Plan Update, Community Plan initiatives and other activities requiring Community Planning Group input.
- ◆ **How often meet?**
Monthly – Schedules available on our website
<http://www.sandiego.gov/planning/pdf/cpg/contactlist.pdf>
- ◆ **Location**
See our website for locations
<http://www.sandiego.gov/planning/pdf/cpg/contactlist.pdf>
- ◆ **Type of Public Involvement**
Public testimony heard

6. Public Forums

- ◆ **Role:**
To inform the public at large on the progress the Planning Department is making and receive community input on an informal basis.
- ◆ **How often meet?**
Quarterly 6:00PM - 7:30PM – (1) Thursday, March 25, 2004 (2) Thursday, June 17, 2004, (3) Thursday, September 16, 2003 and (4) December – To be determined.
- ◆ **Location**
Balboa Park, Balboa Park Club Building, Santa Fe Room (near the Aerospace Museum)
- ◆ **Type of Public Involvement**
Public input on an informal basis

Additional Input to the Planning Process

1. Smart Growth Implementation Committee

- ◆ **Role:**
Mayor, Councilmembers Atkins and Peters, City department heads, other government agencies, private sector. Assist with Pilot Village selection process and development, develop and identify financing strategies, assist with joint use facility projects and partnerships, find creative solutions to issues as they arise.
- ◆ **How often meet?**
Once every 2-3 months for 2-3 hours

2. Interdepartmental Technical Working Group

◆ Role

Designated departmental representatives. The Planning Department keeps them informed about what we are doing. The group provides input into the planning process and (1) acts as departmental liaison, (2) is a source of information about contacts, facilities, and partnerships with other agencies, (3) acts as consultant in the selection of short list for Pilot Villages, and (4) assists in targeting infrastructure dollars.

◆ How often meet?

Once a month

3. Facilities Financing Ad Hoc Committee

◆ Role:

Diverse group composed of individuals such as Association of General Contractors, CPC member, Sierra Club, BIA, Uptown District representative, San Diego Dialogue, Endangered Habitat League. Provides review of public facilities data collection for existing conditions report.

◆ How often meet?

4 times. Meeting now complete. See committee Final Summary Report online at <http://www.sandiego.gov/planning/pdf/facfin/adhoccmtereporfinal.pdf>

4. Issue Meetings with Various Stakeholders

◆ Role:

Formed on an as needed basis to get input before moving forward on policy development issues such as urban design or living wages.

◆ How often meet?

As needed

Other Outreach/Education/Communication Strategies

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| ◆ Citizen surveys to validate community group recommendations | ◆ Press Releases |
| ◆ Hotline | ◆ Feature Stories |
| ◆ Website | ◆ News Articles |
| ◆ Mailings and e-mailings | ◆ Educational Programs (TV, radio) |
| | ◆ Presentations |